drinks are being sold at the canteens in the V.I.P. area in the South Avenue, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to conduct periodical checks to prevent such practices; and

(c) if sc, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per the information provided by the Delhi Administration, no such complaint has been received by the PFA Department of Delhi in this regard, so far.

(b) and (c) The Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi is already undertaking checking of dhabas and other food vendors on a regular basis.

Sale of Banned Drugs in the Market

1793. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some drugs are being sold in the market which have been banned in other countries, if so, what are the names thereof;

(b) whether the Indian Medical Council have made any recommendations in this regard;

(c) what action has been taken by Government to implement the recommendations of the Council;

(d) whether Government propose to set up a Drug Authority of India to ensure good quality of drugs; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) While the drugs Nitrofuran compounds, Phenformin, Tydroxyquinoline derivatives, Higher dose Lynestrenol products, Piperazone, Phenylbutazone/Oxyphenbutazone and Analgin have been withdrawn in some countries, these continue to be marketed in other countries including India. The decision on the continued marketing of these drugs was taken in consultation with medical experts.

(b) and (c) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has not received any recommendations made in this regard by the Indian Medical Council.

(d) and (e) As per the measures for Rationalisation, quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry, announced in December, 1986 by the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, Ministry of Industry a machinery entitled "The National Drug and Pharmaceutical Authority" is to be established at the central level with a permanent secretariat.

Voluntary agencies assisting in Adult Education Programme

1794. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of voluntary agencies in the country assisting in adult education programme of Government;

(b) whether their performance has found to be satisfactory; and

(c) what steps are being taken to speed up the programme in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) 445 proposals received from Voluntary Agencies for grant-